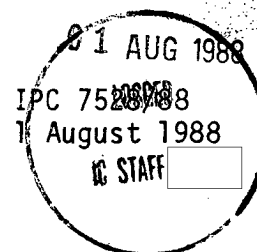


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members, Intelligence Producers Council

FROM: [redacted]

Chief, Intelligence Producers Council Staff

SUBJECT: Discontinuance of the Term "LITINT" in IPC Products

1. The Intelligence Producers Council (IPC) Staff report, dated 14 June 1988, on intelligence gaps relative to the FY 1988 National Intelligence Topics (NITs) made reference to the term LITINT (intelligence from literature) as a collection discipline. [redacted]

2. In response to some concern within the Community about our use of the term LITINT, we have conferred with the HUMINT Committee and with other Community elements. Our conclusion is that the term "open source" (representing broadcast and print media) is more reflective of the types of intelligence data we are accounting for in our reports. Moreover, the term "open source" is readily accepted, and the Intelligence Community recognizes it as a major contributor of intelligence data. Furthermore, we, like the HUMINT Committee, regard "open source" as an established subcategory of HUMINT. [redacted]

3. To avoid any ambiguity in the future, the IPC Staff will--where appropriate--use the term "open source" in its surveys, reports, and analyses pertaining to the intelligence production process. [redacted]

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